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DAYTON, Ohio, July 31, 1969 --- An in-depth study of the black man and woman in today's religious orders is the theme of the second annual National Black Sisters Conference on the University of Dayton campus, Wednesday, August 6, through Saturday, August 16. The 11-day program, entitled Black Survival, is divided into two phases and will involve black nuns, brothers, and priests in phase I and include all other interested people, black and white, in phase II.

Phase I is entitled The Black Experience and will run from August 6 to August 12 in the University's Kennedy Union with only black religious involved. Sr. Martin de Porres, RSM, founder of the Black Sisters Conference, will open the program with a welcoming address. Following a business meeting, communal prayer, and dinner, Reverend Jessie Jackson will deliver the keynote address, "Black Spirituality and Revolution," at 7 P.M.

Such topics and themes as The Black Passage, African Heritage, Development of Curriculum Materials for Black Children, The Historical Development of Cultural People, It's Our "Thang", The Evolvment of the Black Spiritual Experience, Black History through Black Music and Folklore, The Survival of Soul, A Shade of Soul, Contemporary Black Searchings and Religious Life, and the Black Experience: Compatible? form Phase I. Black clergy and professional people will deliver the lectures and run the workshops.

A highlight of Phase is the Black Unity Mass Sunday, August 10, in the Ballroom of the Kennedy Union at 11 A.M. This mass is open to the public.

Phase II, Black and White Christian Confrontation on the Black Experience, is open to all interested parties. Daily themes during the days are The Burden of Honesty, Creative Confrontation to New Bonds, Where Do We Go From Here, and Move on In The Struggle. Topics will include the Catholic Church, black reparations, the ghetto, social action, black theology, violence, revolution, liturgy, fellowship, communications, self-determination, and school curriculum.

The Information Center at the University of Dayton is handling the pre-conference details in cooperation Brother Joseph Davis, S.M., assistant principal of Chaminade High School. Call 461-5500, Ext. 295, for information.